

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Alexandria Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	:	
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v.	:	Case No. 1:10cr200 (LMB)
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LEE BENTLEY FARKAS,	:	
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Defendant.	:	

**NOTICE OF FILING LETTERS FOR SENTENCING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the defendant, LEE BENTLEY FARKAS, by and through his counsel, is filing the following redacted character letters (identified for filing purposes by number as “1-1” through “1-48”):

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2. John Cathro;
3. Robert A. Cromartie;
4. Shawn Cross;
5. Janet Duncan;
6. Joe W. Ellis;
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8. R. William Futch;
9. David Galvan;
10. Rabbi Yossi Hecht;
11. Jim Herzberger;
12. Terri A. Huber;

13. Robert Huff;
14. Jose Interiano;<sup>1</sup>
15. Mary Ann Johnson;
16. Paulette Johnston;
17. Laurie P. Jones;
18. Debbie Kemp;
19. Marlene King;
20. Paula King;
21. Susan E. King;
22. Richard B. Klein;
23. Frances M. Lamz;
24. Joan and Norman Lapping;
25. Carlos D. Lopez;
26. Judy Lovelace;
27. Carolina Molinos;
28. Manuel M. Molinos;
29. Nedra Morose;
30. Steven Morose;
31. Carole Morrissey;
32. Deborah Nosewicz;
33. Tim Parker;

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<sup>1</sup> Mr. Interiano's letter was translated "in-house" and the original version, in Spanish, is available for review upon request.

34. Wayne Pollack;
35. Margaret A. Potter-Levane;
36. Justin Potts;
37. John M. Rennie;
38. Jerome C. Sarason;
39. Sigrid Schwartz
40. Jo-Ann Semler;
41. Mark Spaulding;
42. Kendel Standlee;
43. David Stark;
44. Samantha Stathas;
45. Jessica Vega;
46. Kimberly Wages-Bead;
47. Sarah Wood;
48. Jeanette Zufelt.

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Respectfully submitted,

LEE BENTLEY FARKAS



/s/

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April 29, 2011

The Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema  
US Eastern District Judge

Dear Judge Brinkeman:

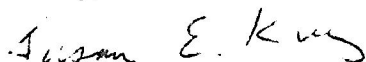
I am writing to you on behalf of Lee B. Farkas. I have known Lee for 14 years and did business with him as a representative of a mortgage insurance company. I have always found him to be professional, compassionate and kind. He was always someone that showed me respect and displayed integrity.

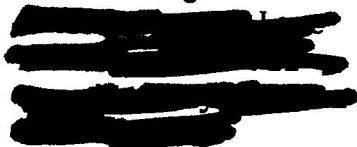
I understand the impact of Lee's offenses, but I would like you to know there are many examples of his charity and good will.

As one example, a dear friend had a child that was suffering from neuroblastoma, a very serious baby cancer. She was not able to travel by air from Florida to Sloan Kettering in NY due to germs. I was distraught for them and it just so happened Lee called regarding a business issue on a loan file. He mentioned that I didn't sound myself. After explaining to him, he immediately suggested that his pilot take my friend and her baby in his plane to New York. This type of generosity is what I have seen from Lee on many occasions.

The purpose of this letter is to ask that when you decide on Lee's sentencing, please keep in mind he has given of himself to many who needed help. He was active in the community, his foundation at the office and personally. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Susan E. King



May 19, 2011

The Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema  
United States District Judge  
United States Courthouse  
401 Courthouse Square  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Judge Brinkema:

I am writing to bring to light some aspects of Lee Farkas' personal life which probably were not part of the trial proceedings. Lee is my cousin, but we became close friends only later in life as we both had homes in Key West and saw each other frequently.

Although I left Albuquerque, our home town, when Lee was quite young, I was kept apprised of his success in growing a small company to a large financial institution. As both his parents died at a young age, he cared for his younger sister and her family as if they were his own children. There is no question that Lee enjoyed all the trappings and life style his success afforded him. However, he consistently provided a number of less fortunate family members with financial assistance and employed several capable relatives in his business.

His generosity to his employees, the City of Ocala and Marion County is well documented. It was substantial and made a significant contribution to the well being of many people. On numerous occasions, Lee spoke to me about the keen responsibility he felt for the livelihood of his employees and the hardships they would endure should TBW cease to exist. He was driven to keep the company afloat, not only for himself, but for others as well.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard B. Klein", written in a cursive style.

Richard B. Klein

May 10, 2011

The Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema  
United States District Judge  
United States Courthouse  
401 Courthouse Square  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Judge Brinkema,

I have known Lee Farkas for a total of 12 years, 10 of which I was an employee of his company. As one of his former Regional Manager's I came to know a man of compassion and generosity. Mr. Farkas was extremely dedicated to the employees of the company especially when fallen on hard times. When employees experienced personal tragedies such as loss of spouse, child or other loved ones, Mr. Farkas was quick to provide support and assistance. He promoted a familial atmosphere among the employees across the country that we all felt the need to help our co-worker even if we never met.

Mr. Farkas' leadership promoted a sense that all employees were important part of the operation which reflected in a long tenure of many. I experienced Mr. Farkas personally thanking each person for their hard work and dedication even in offices outside of Ocala. His open door policy ensured every employee their opinion and concerns mattered. This is the man I have known and respected for 12 years.

Respectfully,

Frances M. Lamz  




The Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema  
United States District Judge  
United States Courthouse  
401 Courthouse Square  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Dear Judge Brinkema:

My husband and I are friends of Lee Farkas, and we want to share our experiences with and feelings for him.

We are retired professionals, in our seventies: one, a retired school teacher and the other, a retired attorney. In our professional dealings with so many people over the many years, we have come to understand and appreciate the behavior and the morality of human beings. We can attest to the character of Lee. He is one of the most caring, gentle, and spiritual men that we have ever known.

We would like to relate a simple event that occurred last year, which may help you to know another side of Lee Farkas - the Lee Farkas we know. In a discussion with Lee, he learned that we regretted not having had a Passover Seder in our home for many years. To our surprise, he subsequently planned to come to Chicago in order to make this Seder possible, thereby providing for us a meaningful experience. He first mailed to us the necessary prayer books for the Passover service. Upon his arrival in Chicago, he shopped for the required ritual foods, prepared them himself, and set up the table as required for the Seder. He then led the ceremony. What a delight for us; and it was apparent, also, that Lee loved giving us this opportunity to experience times past. When all was over, Lee would not allow us to even help with the clean-up. He accomplished something very special for us - something we will long remember.

Lee seems always to put himself last. Since his indictment, my husband and I frequently asked Lee how he was coping and how we could help him. His answer was always the same..... "I'm fine", he would say. "I'll get through this. I don't want you to worry about me. You need to take care of yourselves." This response was so typical of Lee - reassuring us.....putting our concerns before his. It breaks our hearts to feel that this man can be so misunderstood - that others may not be able to see another side of the person we know.

Our hope is that these few examples can give you a glimpse into the true nature of Lee Farkas. He is a remarkable and caring person, and it has been our pleasure to know him.

Sincerely,

Joan Lapping *Joan Lapping 5/22/11*  
Norman Lapping *Norman E. Lapping 5/22/11*



May 20, 2011

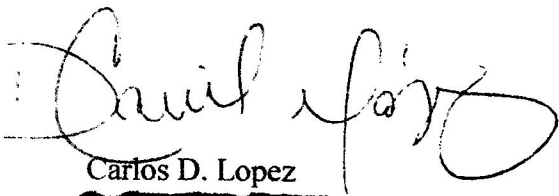

To The Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema, United States District Judge United States Courthouse.

My name is Carlos D. Lopez, I was a Line Technician for Mr. Farkas. My job was to maintain his private jet.

My dream has always been to be a pilot. And Mr. Farkas was the person that gave me that opportunity to work with airplanes and get familiarize with the whole aviation world in order to start my dream.

While working for Mr. Farkas, he gave me the opportunity to start and develop my interest for pilot, in which I enrolled into the aviation school in Ocala, Fl. In the same airport that i worked for him. He was always involved and interested on hearing about my progress in the school. When I first did my solo flight he was very excited for me. I remember in 2 of his trips in his private jet that he personally asked me if I wanted to go and sit with the pilots so i could learn some more from them.

He was always involve in my training and always encourage me to be the best i can be. If it wasn't for Mr. Farkas i would of probably never had started my dreams.

  
Carlos D. Lopez  


May 8, 2011

The Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema

United States District Judge

United States Courthouse 401 Courthouse Square

Alexandria, VA 22314

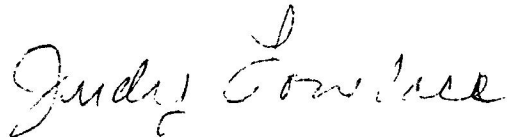
Dear Judge Brinkema,

I am writing this letter on behalf of my long time friend, Lee Farkas.

I've known Lee since the late seventies and early on was impressed by his dedication to work and helping out his sister and her family. Lee's parents died when he was relatively young so he became a self-made man by necessity.

I will always appreciate all he did to help my Mother and me visit him in Ocala. I have a spinal cord injury, my Mother was on oxygen and he went to a great deal of trouble to make all the necessary arrangements for our needs. We had a lovely vacation which ended up being the last trip my Mother took before her death in 1994. Getting from New Mexico to Ocala, FL with our medical problems was a bit tricky, but he helped in so many ways. I will never forget it.

Sincerely yours,



Judy Lovelace



April, 27<sup>th</sup> 2011

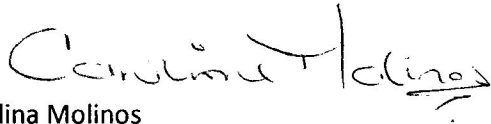
To: The Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema

United States Eastern District Judge

Dear Your Honor,

If you would please take the time and the consideration, in reading this letter regarding Lee B Farkas. Mr. Farkas made a vast difference in this community, and I feel changed it forever. There were many donations and contributions made by him in which provided jobs and enhanced Ocala.

Thank you for your time,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolina Molinos". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Carolina Molinos

Ocala, FL

April, 27<sup>th</sup> 2011

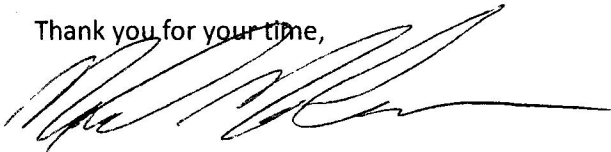
To: The Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema

United States Eastern District Judge

Dear Your Honor,

Please take this letter into consideration when sentencing Lee B Farkas. I had the pleasure of working for him at Taylor Bean & Whitaker, and I honestly feel that I will never have the privilege to work for such an amazing company as such. Mr. Farkas truly made every employee feel valued and irreplaceable.

Thank you for your time,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Manuel M Molinos', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Manuel M Molinos

Ocala, FL

May 23, 2011

The Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema  
United States District Judge  
United States Courthouse  
Alexandria, Va. 22314

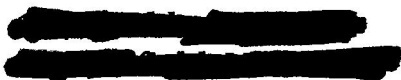
Dear Judge Brinkema,

I am Lee Farkas's cousin, and would like all involved in his case to know that I have known and been a part of his life for 57 years. In that long span of time I do not believe he ever consciously wanted anything but good and positive energy to come to anyone in his family or anyone else he knew. He is the family member that everyone could always depend on.

I was very ill in California and had surgery, he said he would send help for me. Lee was very busy at that time, but in the end he did what he said he would do. He sent help for me. I believe this describes the type of individual he is. It, also, speaks to his quality of commitment to those that he gives his word to. Lee is a man of his word, and has never disappointed me or anyone in our family.



Nedra Morose



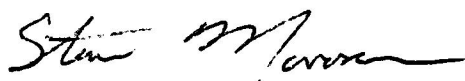
**May 24, 2011**

**The Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema  
United States District Judge  
United States Courthouse  
Alexandria, Va. 22314**

**Dear Judge Brinkema,**

**I married into Lee Farkas's family almost 49 years ago. At that time Lee was just a young boy. He lost both his parents by the time he reached his early 20's and took on the responsibility to always take care of his sister and later her children as his number one concern. He never faltered in that responsibility.**

**During the years I owned a business there were many times I needed outside advice. Lee Farkas was one of the few people I never hesitated to call. He always had good views and different ways I might approach the problems we were talking about. No matter what he always was attentive and never hurried our discussions no matter how busy he was. I feel he is not only a relative but a good friend that I could always depend on. Always being there for people who needed him is an important part of Lee's character.**

  
**Steven Morose**

